

## CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2013

PRESENT:                   Councillors     G S Williams (Chairman in the Chair)  
  Mrs D S Allen  
  P Bates  
  D Brown  
  G Baxendale  
  J S Crowther  
  G R Edwards  
  G P Hayes  
  Mrs A M Martin  
  Mrs J D Parry  
  N T Price

#### 1. **APOLOGIES.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D. Murphy and R.K Williams. Apologies were also received from Cllr L Bours who is not a member of this particular committee.

#### 2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**CES/38/1213 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2013 to be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

Cllrs G. Baxendale and D.Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in any matters relating to Cheshire East Borough Council.

Cllr P.Bates declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.

#### 4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

##### **CAE/02/1112**

The Town Council to pursue all options available in order to resolve the problem of the Boat, including S215 enforcement via CEBC, in addition, the Town Clerk to contact McCarthy and Stone to elicit their assistance in the matter.

##### **CES/24/1213**

The Town Clerk to write to all Congleton Cheshire East Councillors asking for their support to lobby Cheshire East to take whatever measures are necessary to have the boat removed.

##### **CES/33/1213**

1. The Town Clerk to contact Cheshire East to expedite the improvement work.
2. Cllr D.Brown will provide an update at the next committee meeting on Cheshire East's work in the area.

#### **4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS continued..**

##### **CES/34/1213**

The Committee support the "Responsible Dog Scheme" pilot being introduced at Bromley Farm and will evaluate its success in 6 months with a view to rolling out the scheme throughout the town.

#### **5. LOVE LOCAL LIFE**

It was noted that Cheshire East Borough Council have decided to provide access to the Love Local Life website to the retailers in Congleton without charge and will also cover the cost of the hosting fees.

**CES/39/1213 RESOLVED** that:-

1. Transfer of access to the love Local Life website to the traders be approved.
2. The Town Council will provide a grant of £500 for training for use of the website provided 30 Traders attend.

#### **6. BOAT ON THE RIVER DANE**

It was noted that correspondence had been received from McCarthy & Stone offering to put up advertising hoarding to hide the boat. In addition, an email from Cheshire East Enforcement Officer noting that a site visit will take place in accordance with the authority's adopted Enforcement Protocol as a priority 4.

**CES/40/1213 RESOLVED** that:-

1. The correspondence from McCarthy & Stone be noted and no further action taken.
2. The Town Council endorse the action being proposed by the Enforcement Officer under S215.

#### **7. SPEED LIMIT ORDER ON A34 NEWCASTLE ROAD AND PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT ON MANCHESTER ROAD**

Notice of a speed limit order on Newcastle Road and a proposed speed limit on Manchester Road were welcomed.

**CES/41/1213 RESOLVED** that:-

1. The correspondence on the speed limit order on Newcastle Road and proposed speed limit on Manchester Road be approved.
2. The Town Clerk to contact Cheshire East to request that the speed limit on Fol Hollow be reduced to 30 MPH.

#### **8. MINUTES OF THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

**CES/42/1213 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Floral Arrangement Working Group meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013 be received.

## **9. REVIEW OF MOUNTVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The members considered the consultation process relating to the future of Mountview Community Centre, and expressed concern at what appeared to be a proposal to close the facility as notice of redundancy had been given to the employees of Mountview.

**CES/43/1213 RESOLVED that:-**

1. The Town Clerk to arrange for Cllrs. Mrs A. Martin, Mrs D. Allen and Mrs S. Holland (substitute Cllr. G Hayes) to visit Mountview.
2. The Committee agreed unanimously that they do not want Mountview to close and this notion should be passed onto Cheshire East Borough Council in the strongest possible terms.

## **10. MERCIAN MARCH**

Correspondence from Cheshire East Borough Council concerning arrangements for the Mercian March in Congleton on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were discussed.

**CES/44/1213 RESOLVED** that the correspondence be received.

## **11. CCTV**

The members considered providing a representative to attend a meeting with Peter Hartwell concerning CCTV.

**CES/45/1213 RESOLVED** that Cllr G. Williams be elected as representative to discuss CCTV accompanied by the Town Clerk.

## **12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

There was no resolution to exclude the public and press.

## **13. CHESHIRE POLICE**

There was not a representative of the Police present.

## **14. OLD COUNCIL OFFICES**

Cllr. G. Williams mentioned that he was engaging with Cheshire East Borough Council to provide a Youth Hub at the Old Council Offices which Cheshire East were prepared to transfer to the Town Council.

Cllr. Williams agreed to provide much more financial details on this proposed transfer for the Committee to consider.

**15. CARNIVAL**

It was noted that the AGM of the Carnival committee would take place in the Town Hall at 7pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

**16. LITTER BINS**

Cllr A. Martin expressed some concern at the provision of litter bins in the Town. Councillors were requested to submit any concerns to Cllr G.Williams.

G Williams  
Chairman (In the Chair)